

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

**205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE
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AGENDA

PLACE: **Citizens Hall
Douglas County Courthouse
Douglasville, Georgia**

DATE: **February 6, 2004**

TIME: **10:00 a.m.**

HEARINGS

In the Matter of Mitzi Bickers..... A

In the Matter of Kirklyn Dixon..... B

In the Matter of Ceasar Mitchell..... C

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting called to order

**Reading & approval of the Minutes of December 19, 2003
Meeting D**

Old Business:

Linda Schrenko	E
Jeff Dugan (Late/Non Filer).....	F
George Anderson v Clarence T. Martin	G
George Anderson v Henry Lamar Willis	H
George Anderson v Cleta Winslow.....	I
Roddy Sturdivant (Probable Cause).....	J

New Business:

Centex (Probable Cause)	K
Peter Rattigan v Doug LeQuire.....	L
Raymond Page v Doug LeQuire.....	M
Larry Toney v Beth Robinson Johnson.....	N
Derek Good (Probable Cause).....	O
David Massey v Larry Keith Morey.....	P
David Massey v Lester Peek.....	Q
Michelle Head v Ted Paxton.....	R

Request for Finding of Probable Cause to Open an Investigation

Comments of the Attorney General's Office

Report of the Executive Secretary

Future Commission Meeting Date

**AGENDA OF MATTERS ACTED UPON
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
MEETING HELD
February 6, 2004**

HEARINGS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT

Consent Orders were adopted in the matters involving Mitzi Bickers, Kirklyn Dixon, and Cesar Mitchell.

REGULAR MEETING

The Commission held preliminary hearings and took the following actions:

Consent Orders were adopted in the matters involving Roddy Sturdivant and Centex.

Matters involving Jeff Dugan, Clarence T. Martin, Henry Lamar Willis, Derek Good, Larry Keith Morey, and Lester Peek were set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.

Peter Rattigan v Doug LeQuire was dismissed and Raymond Page v Doug LeQuire was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.

The matters involving Linda Schrenko, and Cleta Winslow were continued.

Larry Toney v Beth Robinson Johnson and Michelle Head v Ted Paxton were dismissed.

The Commission directed that a letter of advice limited to the facts of his situation be sent to Ken Hodges.

The Commission authorized the hiring of an IT staff person.

The Commission set March 22, 2004 as a tentative date for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:25 p.m.

Present:

Sam Nicholson, Chairman
Emmett Bowers
Steve Farrow
Jack Williams


C. Theodore Lee, Executive Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
MEETING HELD
February 6, 2004**

Present:

**Sam G. Nicholson, Chairman
Emmett Bowers
Steve Farrow
Jack Williams**

HEARINGS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT

IN THE MATTER OF MITZI BICKERS:

A Consent Order was adopted in this matter assessing a civil penalty of \$150.00.

**Moved by Mr. Bowers
*Carried Unanimously***

Seconded by Mr. Williams

IN THE MATTER OF KIRKLYN DIXON:

A Consent Order was adopted in this matter assessing a civil penalty of \$250.00.

**Moved by Mr. Bowers
*Carried Unanimously***

Seconded by Mr. Williams

IN THE MATTER OF CEASAR MITCHELL:

A Consent Order was adopted in this matter assessing a civil penalty of \$150.00. Respondent has until March 1, 2004 to supply the Commission staff with information regarding his negative net balance.

**Moved by Mr. Farrow
*Carried Unanimously***

Seconded by Mr. Williams

REGULAR MEETING

The Commission adopted the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Laws reached in the Administrative Procedure Act hearings as the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the State Ethics Commission.

**Moved by Mr. Farrow
*Carried Unanimously***

Seconded by Mr. Williams

The Minutes of the December 19, 2003 meeting were approved as presented.

Moved by Mr. Farrow
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

OLD BUSINESS

LINDA SCHRENKO:

This matter was continued.

IN THE MATTER OF JEFF DUGAN:

This matter was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.

Moved by Mr. Farrow
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Williams

GEORGE ANDERSON V CLARENCE T. MARTIN:

This matter was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.

Moved by Mr. Farrow
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

GEORGE ANDERSON V HENRY LAMAR WILLIS:

This matter was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.

Moved by Mr. Williams
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Farrow

GEORGE ANDERSON V CLETA WINSLOW:

This matter was continued.

Moved by Mr. Williams
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

RODDY STURDIVANT:

A Consent Order was adopted assessing a civil penalty of \$500.00.

Moved by Mr. Bowers
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Farrow

PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

CENTEX (Probable Cause):

The Commission adopted a Consent Order assessing civil penalties totaling \$17,500.00. Respondent will pay \$675.00 in late fees.

Moved by Mr. Farrow
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Williams

PETER RATTIGAN V DOUG LEQUIRE:

This matter was dismissed.

Moved by Mr. Williams
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Farrow

RAYMOND PAGE V DOUG LEQUIRE:

This matter was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing. Commission voted to add "Committee to Elect LeQuire/Pope" as a Respondent.

Moved by Mr. Farrow
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

LARRY TONEY V BETH ROBINSON JOHNSON:

This matter was dismissed.

Moved by Mr. Bowers
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Farrow

DEREK GOOD (PROBABLE CAUSE):

This matter was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.

Moved by Mr. Williams
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Nicholson

DAVID MASSEY V LARRY KEITH MOREY:

This matter was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.

Moved by Mr. Farrow
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Williams

DAVID MASSEY V LESTER PEEK:

This matter was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.

Moved by Mr. Bowers
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Williams

MICHELLE HEAD V TED PAXTON:

This matter was dismissed.

Moved by Mr. Williams
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Farrow

The Request for Finding of Probable Cause to Open an Investigation was withdrawn by the staff.

The Commission voted to authorize combining the salaries of two open staff positions (auditor and compliance analyst) to hire an IT staff person. It has been suggested that the salaries be combined, but hold one position unfunded.

Moved by Mr. Farrow
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

The Commission directed that a letter of advice limited to the facts of his situation be sent to Ken Hodges.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

The Executive Secretary reported that he had taken action on the personnel matters outlined in the letter from the Chairman. He reported on new staff members – Rick Thompson, Samantha Jenkins and Meghan Gurley. He also reviewed the anticipated costs connected with the transfer of filing requirements to the State Ethics Commission from the Office of the Secretary of State.

The Commission set March 22, 2004 as a tentative date for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:25 p.m.



Donna M. May, Compliance Coordinator

Official Minutes Statement

The foregoing Minutes for the February 6, 2004, meeting for the State Ethics Commission were approved and adopted by the Commission at the Commission's meeting on March 23, 2004.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

By: S-G. Nicholson
Sam G. Nicholson, Chairman